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TO WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED
FOR MR. HAL SAUNDERS:

"I ALERTED HANK APPLEBAUM IN GENERAL TERMS THIS MORNING TO VERY STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT KING HUSAYN WILL, UNDER PRESSURE FROM PRIME MINISTER RIFA'I, PUSH PRESIDENT NIXON TO START ISRAELI/JORDANIAN DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS SOONEST. LATER I SAW CHIEF OF STAFF BIN SHAKIR WHO, SPEAKING ALSO FOR RIFA'I, SAID HE FEELS IT IMPERATIVE KING HUSAYN BRING UP THIS SUBJECT WITH PRESIDENT, IN VIEW OF ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER PERES' STATEMENT THIS MORNING ON ISRAELI RADIO THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH PLO BUT WISHES NEGOTIATE WITH JORDAN BUT NOW IS NOT THE TIME. BIN SHAKIR SAID HE AND RIFA'I HAD FOUND THAT WHEN VIP IS HERE AS GUEST OF KING, LATTER WILL NOT PROJECT TO VISITOR FIRMLY AND CANDIDLY JORDANIAN DESIRES OR POLICY SINCE KING DOES NOT WISH OFFEND VISITOR. BIN SHAKIR SAID WHEN EITHER HE OR RIFA'I DO SO, KING KICKS THEM UNDER TABLE AND CONSIDERS THEIR TALK RUDE.

"CAN SEE PRESSURE BUILDING UP ON KING TO MAKE STRONG CASE SO THOUGHT IT BEST FOREWARN YOU. REGARDS".
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